(ii) to avoid clear felling of natural forests and where such fellings are inevitable for restoration of crop or other silvicultural considerations, it should be limited to area not exceeding 10 ha. in hills and 25ha. in the plains.

2. A centrally sponsored scheme is under implementation to help the states for development of infrastructure for protection of forests against biotic interference.

3. Alternative sources of energy are being developed to replace fuel wood in domestic and commercial sectors.

[*Translation*]

Public Health Centres/Sub-Centres in Haryana

2576. SHRI RAM PRAKASH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Public Health Centres and Sub-Centres have not been opened in Haryana particularly in Ambala district, as per the guidelines of the Union Government, thereby creating great difficulties for the rural people in getting medical facilities;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the Public Health Centres and Sub-Centres to be opened in Haryana during the year 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) In the State of Haryana including district Ambala as per guide-lines of the Union Government of India 365 Primary Health Cenrtres (100% of the then target) and 2293 Sub-Centres (92.7% of target) have been opened. The location of these centres is decided by the State Government. In the District of Ambala all of the required 146 Sub-Centres and 23 Primary Health Centres have been opened.

Rural people are being provided medical facilities through sub-centres and PHCs. In addition as per our information there are 41 Community Health Centres and 8 rural hospitals in that State.

(b) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

(c) Targets for opening new PHCs in 1991-92 have not been fixed by Planning Commission for Haryana as they had already achieved targets for PHCs. Sub-Centres are funded by the Central Government. Due to financial constraints Central funding for new Sub-Centres is not yet contemplated anywhere in the country during 1991-92.

[*English*]

Protection of Endangered Wild Animals

2577. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of lions and rhinos have increased in the sanctuaries of the Country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to protect the endangered species of wild animals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). Two consecutive census figures of lions and rhinos in the country show and increase in their number:

Lion	239 (1985)	284 (1990)
Rhinos	1200 (1984)	1591 (1989)

(c) Steps taken by the Government to protect the endangered species include:

i) Hunting of endangered species and trade in articles made of such species has been banned under the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

ii) International trade in endangered species of plants and animals and articles made thereof has been banned under the provisions of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

iii) Central Assistance is provided to States/Union Territories for strengthening of their anti-poaching infrastructure true.

iv) A network of 411 wildlife sanctuaries and 70 national parks, covering about 4.19% of geographical area has been setup in the country for conservation of wild flora and fauna. Financial assistance is provided by the Central Government for development of national parks and sanctuaries.

v) Special schemes for protection and conservation of tigers and rhinos are being implemented.

vi) Close coordination is maintained with the Police at state level and with Customs Department, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Central Bureau of Investigation, Coast Guards and Army at Government of India level regarding anti-poaching measures.

vii) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for "Captive Breeding of Endangered Species" is being implemented.

viii) A system of cash rewards has been introduced for getting in telligence about poachers and illegal traders.

National Youth Policy

2578. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate a National Youth Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how it will be implemented; and

(d) whether the youth organisation will be consulted in formulating and implementing youth policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANEREE) : (a) and (b). There is already a National Youth Policy which was laid in Parliament during 1988.

(c) It is being implemented through the active cooperation and participation of State Governments, Voluntary Organisations and Youth Organisations under Government.

(d) Youth Organisations were consulted